

NOVEMBER 8, 2015



# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1 KINGS 17:10 – 16

PSALM 146:7, 8 – 9, 9 – 10

HEBREWS 9:24 – 28

MARK 12:38 – 44 OR 12:41 – 44

## REFLECTION

The link in the media section today is the song “All That We Have.” It is an older Catholic liturgical song that perfectly sums up today’s readings! That is, “all that we have and all that we offer” is enough in God’s sight as long as it comes from a place of goodness.

Another aspect about today’s reading causes us to question the value of our devotion, or to put a pricetag on our devotion to God. The poor widow gives two small coins (think twenty-five cents). This is more valuable than the wealthy person who might give ten dollars. Does that make sense to you?

For those of you females who have a sister, this scenario may be familiar. “Can I borrow that dress/skirt/shirt of yours? I have nothing to wear.” And, if your response is typical, it is probably “no, that’s mine. Wear something of your own!” For guys, it may not be as much about clothes as it is about a game or gaming system. By nature, we are semiterritorial creatures; we want to protect what is our own. God is asking of us to be open with what we have—even if it is a little. The widow in the First Reading had very little to give, but because she trusted God she did what was asked—even if it was difficult. Her trust was greatly rewarded. The same is true of all of us; although our rewards will each look different.



“ALL THAT WE HAVE”

Instrumental version with lyrics

**GARY AULT**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgoeCGnEpVk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgoeCGnEpVk)

## ACTION

Do a survey of what is in your closet or favorite stash of games. What is necessary? What can you choose to give away to someone who has nothing? The season of giving is upon us and now is a great time to figure out how you can care for someone else!

## JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What is your most important possession and why? What would happen if you had to consider living without this item of value?
- Do you have the ability to tithe (put money in the collection basket) at Church? What are your reasons for not giving “all that you have” back to God? What do you truly have to offer God and others?